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SUBJECT: PROPOSED U.S. BAN ON USE OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS
IN AEROSOLS

1. THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM RECENT HEW PRESS RELEASE ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND USE IN ANSWERING INQUIRIES.

2. THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA), ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AND CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC) PROPOSED ON MAY 11, 1977 A THREE-STEP TIMETABLE FOR PHASEOUT OF NON-ESSENTIAL USES OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS AS PROPELLANTS IN AEROSOL PRODUCTS SINCE CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS MAY DEplete THE OZONE SHIELD, A PART OF THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE.

3. THIS BAN WILL ELIMINATE 60 OF THE CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS EMISSION IN THE U.S. THE PHASEOUT WOULD START IN OCTOBER 1978 AND BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 1979. IT WOULD AFFECT FROM A THIRD TO A HALF OF THE 2.4 BILLION AEROSOL CONTAINERS SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES ANNUALLY. THE PRIMARY AFFECTED PRODUCTS ARE DEODORANTS, ANTIPERSPIRANTS, HAIR SPRAYS, COLOGNES AND FRAGRANCES, REGULATED BY FDA; AND HOUSEHOLD

CLEANERS AND AIR FRESHENERS, REGULATED BY CPSC. MOST OTHER AEROSOLS ARE PROPELLED BY OTHER CHEMICALS.

4. THE PROPOSED THREE-STEP TIMETABLE FOR ELIMINATING CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS AS PROPELLANTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

-- AS OF OCTOBER 15, 1978, NO COMPANY MAY MANUFACTURE CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS FOR USE IN AEROSOL PRODUCTS.

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-- AS OF DECEMBER 15, 1978, COMPANIES MUST STOP USING CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS AS PROPELLANTS IN AEROSOL PRODUCTS.

-- AS OF APRIL 15, 1979, PRODUCTS CONTAINING CHLOROFLUOROCARBON PROPELLANTS MAY NOT BE INTRODUCED INTO INTERSTATE COMMERCE. PRODUCTS ALREADY ON THE MARKET ON THIS DATE WILL NOT HAVE TO BE RECALLED.

5. EXEMPTED FROM THE PROPOSED BAN WILL BE ESSENTIAL AEROSOL PRODUCTS IN WHICH THE USE OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBON PROPELLANTS IS NECESSARY, SUCH OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS INTENDED FOR INHALATION THERAPY FOR BRONCHIAL ASTHMA.

6. THE THREE AGENCIES RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTIONS TO PHASE OUT CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS IN AEROSOL PRODUCTS AND TO REQUIRE THE INTERIM LABELING. THE COMMITMENTS WERE MADE IN RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES REPORT, ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER 1976, AFFIRMING THAT

CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS RISE INTO THE STRATOSPHERE AND AFFECT THE OZONE LAYER. THE THEORY WAS FIRST ADVANCED BY SCIENTISTS IN 1974.

7. EPA ESTIMATES THAT THE AEROSOL INDUSTRY MAY LOSE \$169 MILLION TO \$267 MILLION A YEAR FOR EACH OF THE FOUR YEARS AFTER THE BAN TAKES EFFECT. CONSUMERS, HOWEVER, MAY SAVE \$58 MILLION TO \$240 MILLION A YEAR BECAUSE PRODUCTS THAT DO NOT CONTAIN CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS TYPICALLY SELL FOR 8 TO 19 CENTS LESS THAN THEIR CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS-PROPELLED COUNTERPARTS.

8. FDA'S PROPOSED PHASEOUT REGULATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER MAY 13, 1977. COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR 60 DAYS AND MAY BE SENT TO HEARING CLERK, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, ROOM 4-65, 5600 FISHERS LANE, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20857.
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9. EPA'S PROPOSED PHASEOUT REGULATIONS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE MAY 13, 1977 FEDERAL REGISTER. COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL JULY 15 AND MAY BE SENT TO MS. JONI T. REPASCH, WH-557, 401 M STREET, S.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.,

20460. EPA PLANS AN INFORMAL HEARING ON ITS PROPOSED REGULATIONS AUGUST 1 AT 9 A.M. AT EPA HEADQUARTERS.

10. FDA WILL ALLOW 30 DAYS AFTER THAT HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BROUGHT OUT AT THE HEARING THAT MAY AFFECT FDA'S REGULATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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